

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open)

Date: 14th March 2018

Item Ref: 04

TITLE OF PAPER	Carers Strategy – Update
TO BE PRESENTED BY	Clive Clarke, Executive Director of Operations Mike Hunter, Executive Medical Director
ACTION REQUIRED	For the Board of Directors to receive this report.
OUTCOME	To update the Board on the Trust's plans for carers.
TIMETABLE FOR DECISION	Following discussions at the Executive Directors Group, this report is to be presented at the Board of Directors meeting in March 2018.
LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS / DECISIONS	SHSC Carers Strategy The Care Act 2014
LINKS TO OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS BAF, RISK, OUTCOMES	Strategic Aim: A2 People Objective: 01 We will manage change positively and effectively, ensuring support for staff and carers AF Risk Number: BAF Risk Description:
IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY AND FINANCIAL IMPACT	Non-compliance with the requirements of the Care Act could result in negative experience by carers and could lead to reputation damage.
CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES	Failure to comply with the Care Act could result in contractual penalties being considered by NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group.

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SUMMARY REPORT

Report to: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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Subject: Carers Strategy - Update

Presented by: Clive Clarke, Executive Director of Operations
Mike Hunter, Executive Medical Director

Author: Tania Baxter, Head of Clinical Governance

1. Purpose

<i>For Approval</i>	<i>For a collective decision</i>	<i>To report progress</i>	<i>To seek input from</i>	<i>For information</i>	<i>Other (please state below)</i>
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2. Summary

The Care Act 2014 came into force in April 2015 and outlines the way in which local authorities should carry out carer's assessments and needs assessments; how local authorities should determine who is eligible for support; how local authorities should charge for both residential care and community care; and places new obligations on local authorities.

Under the Care Act a person is entitled to a carer's assessment where they appear to have needs, in the same way that the person being cared for has the right for an assessment of their needs. Where individuals meet the national eligibility criteria, they are entitled to support.

The Executive Directors Group has recently changed the executive oversight of the Care Act within SHSC; Clive Clarke and Mike Hunter are now jointly responsible for overseeing SHSC's progress towards embedding the requirements of the Care Act within the Trust's services.

3. Next Steps

- The Carers Strategy Implementation Group will be re-established, ensuring external carer groups are represented;
- Monitoring of carer assessments will be undertaken at an operational level, through linking with the newly established Patient Safety Team;

- Corporate management of the implementation of the Carers Strategy will be through the Clinical Governance Team;
- Recruitment into the Service User and Carer Experience team is commencing, with an emphasis on carers within the role;
- Regular reporting on the implementation of the Carers Strategy will be provided to the Board of Directors, through the Quality Assurance Committee.

4. Required Actions

The Board of Directors is asked to:

- Receive and discuss this report;
- Agree regular reporting to the Board of Directors through the Quality Assurance Committee.

5. Monitoring Arrangements

Performance monitoring of carers assessments will be incorporated into operational performance metrics, reported through the Executive Directors Group. Progress on the implementation of the Carers Strategy will be reported through the Executive Directors Group to the Quality Assurance Committee, with appropriate assurance provided to the Board of Directors.

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